

many talented teams of Subcommittee Clerks and Policy Aides, whose own successes serve as a testament to her guidance and leadership.

Finally, I want to thank Chris Kaumo for his twenty years of service. I have known Chris since before I was a Member of Congress as he was one of the first staffers on my first campaign. Chris was an essential force in my early work in this Chamber, helping to organize and staff our offices, while ensuring quality service for the people of southern Arizona.

From running phone banks to now serving as a Deputy Staff Director and Senior Advisor to the Committee, his work and friendship have meant the world to me. When I first assumed my role as Ranking Member on the House Natural Resources Committee, I asked for Chris's help in a new capacity, and brought him on to serve as Staff Director on the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States. In that role, Chris has been an essential advocate for elevating Indigenous voices and protecting the rights of Indigenous communities.

He is a Committee leader and a trusted advisor, and I am deeply indebted to his long service to our district, state, and the Nation.

Madam Speaker, though David, Nancy, and Chris will be deeply missed on the Natural Resources team, I have no doubt they will find fulfilling and exciting opportunities in their next steps. I want to thank them all for their dedication, service, and friendship over the years.

HONORING THE WORK OF THE MARION COUNTY MEMORIAL HONOR GUARD

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, on behalf of Florida's Third Congressional District, we recognize the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard.

We thank them for their hard work in commemorating the lives of fallen veterans in North Central Florida. Funeral services for our fallen servicemembers deserve the utmost respect and care, and we are grateful that the Honor Guard provides such memorable honors ceremonies for veterans and their families. With many in our district having served, it is a comfort knowing the Honor Guard bestows such a great appreciation for our servicemembers.

We thank each of the 20 members of the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard: Captain Stephen Peter Foster, U.S. Air Force, Retired; Captain Stephen Petty, U.S. Army, Retired; 1st Lieutenant Peter Peno, U.S. Army, Retired; CWO Bill Dorsey, U.S. Coast Guard, Retired; ATCS(AW) Donald S. Kennedy, U.S. Navy, Retired; MSG James Lynch, U.S. Air Force, Retired; MSG Sharon Cooley, U.S. Air Force, Retired; ASMC Ron Roberts, U.S. Coast Guard, Retired; SGT Tommy Carter, U.S. Army; RM2 Thomas Dewey, U.S. Navy; EON2 John "Moses" Morris, U.S. Navy; Cpl Joe Dewey, U.S. Army; Cpl. Lewis Alston, U.S. Marine Corps; Cpl. Lew Wolfe, U.S. Marine Corps; Cpl. Jack Kiner, U.S. Marine Corps; EM3 Marshal Searles, U.S. Navy; LCpl Larry Barnes, U.S. Marine Corps; PVT Bruce

Hutchinson, U.S. Army; Mr. John Earl, Bagpiper; and Roberta Foster.

ANOTHER HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT IN OUR NATION'S SPACE PROGRAM

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to recognize a historic achievement in our nation's Space Program. Yesterday marked the 50th Anniversary of Apollo 17's landing on the moon—the last time humans went to the moon. Now, 50 years later to the day, Artemis I's Orion capsule splashed down off the Baja California coast, signifying our return to the lunar surface, and beyond.

As a teenager I was deeply inspired by President Kennedy's famous Rice University speech declaring America's intent to go to the Moon. I wanted so much to be part of it, and, like many in Brevard County, I found work on the Apollo program just a few years later. It was a truly great experience.

Space is not only important to our national security, but to advancing American ingenuity and technological prowess, and ultimately, to ensuring the survival of our species. This is an exciting time for space exploration and discovery, and I encourage young people looking to be part of something special, something important, to consider a career in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE DIANE PAPAN, DEPUTY MAYOR, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER DEPARTURE FROM THE SAN MATEO CITY COUNCIL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize San Mateo Deputy Mayor Diane Papan as she leaves the San Mateo City Council to become a member of the California State Assembly. The voters of the district have elected a strong leader who has always been attuned to the needs of her constituents.

Diane Papan grew up in Daly City and Millbrae and then moved to the City of San Mateo. She was President of the Baywood Owners Improvement Association, Second Vice-President of the United Homeowners Association, and Chair of the Baywood School Site Council. She also worked on the San Mateo Downtown Master Plan and Parking Plan.

She is a proud graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, where she received her bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1985, and of my alma mater the University of California Hastings College of the Law from which she graduated in 1988. As an attorney, she began her legal career litigating public works projects. Today, she has her own commercial law practice representing small busi-

nesses. She also serves as the administrator of her family's charity, John's Closet, and a scholarship named for her late brother, the John Papan Memorial Scholarship.

Diane is deeply concerned about climate change and has been instrumental in helping San Mateo County adjust to this new reality through her service on OneShoreline, a countywide district that creates projects to deal with sea level rise. As an original board member, she recognizes that San Mateo County is the No. 1 county in California at risk of damage to property and infrastructure. Together with her fellow board members, she has overseen the implementation of a project in Redwood City and Menlo Park to relieve flooding for hundreds of low-income residents of mobile homes. She and her colleagues are also guiding a project that will protect businesses and infrastructure in an area from the border with San Francisco International Airport through Burlingame to San Mateo. Some in San Mateo County questioned the need for a countywide agency to deal with climate change and sea level rise. Diane saw the aim of this agency and has always strongly supported it.

As a councilmember and Mayor, Diane pushed to establish the 101 Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority so that San Mateo County could implement toll lanes along a lengthy stretch of our main freeway. The project will be completed next year but it promises to reduce carbon emissions and to speed commuters through a heavily congested corridor. She also represents the city on the board of the consolidated fire district.

Diane has been a strong supporter of more housing within the City of San Mateo. For example, while on the council, she voted to allow two additional levels and 61 additional units to the city's Kiku Crossing development, an affordable housing project presently under construction. It was a controversial decision because it relied on recent changes to state law. Using state authority to create these units illustrates the important role that the state legislature plays in creating economic opportunity despite the opposition of some.

Diane Papan's father, Lou, served in the State Assembly and she is therefore steeped in the history of the institution. However, I know that she will be her own person, as she has proven to be during her time on the city council. In fact, some lobbyists may ignore her individuality and attempt to ingratiate themselves by appeals to her father's memory and sensibilities, Diane, as intelligent and talented as she is, may wish to remind them of their folly by keeping a desk sign close at hand. It might read: "Diane Papan: Proudly Lou's daughter, not his clone."

Serving in elective office is a privilege. It is especially so when you are able to see the immediate impact of your work as is possible when you serve in the California legislature. In our present times, so much depends upon state law. Diane is a strong supporter of the reproductive rights of women, a supporter of California's assault weapons ban, and wants California to invest in wildfire prevention. She will be able to see these priorities and others turned into concrete action in the years ahead.

I wish Diane Papan, her husband Dan Latini, and their daughter Alexa, all the best in the years to come.